

# The Loder Cup

Awarded to encourage and honour those who work to investigate, promote, retain and cherish the indigenous flora of Aotearoa New Zealand.

## What is the Loder Cup?

The Loder Cup acknowledges outstanding achievements in flora conservation work. The Cup is awarded by the Minister of Conservation each year to a person or group of people who best represent the objectives of the Cup, to celebrate their outstanding conservation work in Aotearoa New Zealand.

You can find out more about the history of the Cup and its previous winners on the Department's website:  
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/awards/loder-cup-award/>

## Who can be awarded the Loder Cup?

The Loder Cup is awarded to recognise the tremendous contribution individuals make to the preservation and protection of the unique flora of Aotearoa New Zealand for future generations.

The Minister of Conservation can award the Loder Cup to any person or group of people who are put forward by one of the nominating organisations.



Pohutukawa | Photo by DOC

## Who can nominate a person or group of people for the Loder Cup?

Each of these organisations may nominate one person or one group of people for the Loder Cup:

- Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture\*
- Royal Society Te Apārangi\*
- New Zealand Botanical Society
- New Zealand Plant Conservation Network
- New Zealand Plant Producers Incorporated
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ\*
- Recreation Aotearoa\*
- New Zealand Conservation Authority
- Any Conservation Board
- Any university in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Any private person through one of the organisations listed above\*

*\*and any affiliated society. Affiliated societies/private people must specify the official nominating organisation they are linked to.*

## How do I make a nomination?

To make a nomination please complete the nomination form and provide the following in support of your nomination:

- Letter of recommendation (max 2 pages)
- Outline of achievements with clear demonstration of outcomes (max 5 pages)
- CV for the nominated individual (or a detailed description of a nominated group's work).



- Any additional material to support the nomination (e.g. presentations, references, letters of support, articles, media releases etc).

Completed nominations should be sent in PDF format to [nominations@doc.govt.nz](mailto:nominations@doc.govt.nz) or posted to the Statutory Bodies Team at DOC National Office no later than the date stated on the nomination form.

### How are the nominations considered?

The Loder Cup Committee assesses the nominations each year against how the nominee:

- meets Gerald Loder’s objective to “encourage and honour New Zealanders who work to investigate, promote, retain and cherish New Zealand’s indigenous flora”.
- has made a tangible difference to the protection of Aotearoa New Zealand’s indigenous flora.
- has made a significant contribution over and above their employment expectations (if they work in the field of botany, plant conservation, or horticulture).

The Loder Cup Committee, comprised of Ministerial appointees, provides its recommendation for the award to the Minister of Conservation, whose decision is final.

Each nomination will be considered for two years in a row, unless they win the Loder Cup, or the nominating body withdraws the nomination. After the second year, the nominating body must wait a year before submitting a nomination for the same person or group of people.

The Minister of Conservation may not award the Loder Cup to previous recipients and the Committee may refrain from making a recommendation if none are suitable.

### Guidance for writing the letter of recommendation

The letter of recommendation should be written by the nominating organisation, and should be a maximum of two pages on A4 size paper.

It must include a statement about why the nominee’s work qualifies for a Loder Cup nomination, and outline how the nominee’s work meets the assessment criteria above.



Rimu Foliage | Photo by Sabine Bernert

### Contact

The Department administers the award. If you require further information, please contact Dr Rick McGovern-Wilson, DOC Manager Statutory Appointments (027 200 5716 / [rmcgovern@doc.govt.nz](mailto:rmcgovern@doc.govt.nz)).